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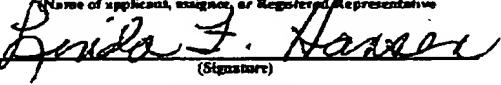
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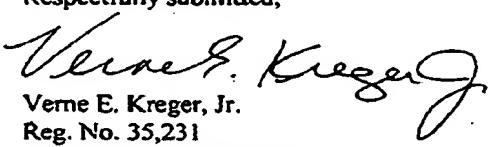
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2004 for two (2) month(s) from July 16, 2004 to September 16, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750-END-736/VEK in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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